

**BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2018**

**Members Present:**

Meagan Bradshaw, Jim Baker, John Dodson, Elmer Chewning, Jerry Mercer

**Members Absent:**

Guy Boone, Wade Hall, Steve Hermansen, Randy Johnson

**Others Present:**

Joel K. Cagle, Planning Commission Secretary  
Brian Reed, Rocky Warren; MRPDC

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:00 PM, Joel Cagle called the meeting of the Bland County Planning Commission to order at the Bland County School Board Office; Bastian, Virginia. The Invocation was given and allegiance was pledged to the flag of our country by everyone present.

**ROLL CALL**

Planning Commission Secretary Cagle took the roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Joel Cagle called for nominations for the office of Chairman. A motion was made by Commissioner Baker to have Jerry Mercer as Chairman, Meagan Bradshaw as Vice-Chairman, Joel Cagle as Secretary and Eric Workman as Vice Secretary; a second was provided by Commissioner Dodson. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Mercer invited a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 6, 2017. Commissioner Bradshaw made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 6, 2017; Commissioner Chewning provided the second, and the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

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**NEW BUSINESS**

-None

**OLD BUSINESS**

-Comprehensive Plan edits were discussed. The Commission is to provide their first draft edits to Mr. Reed, to be inserted into the draft.

Commissioner Dodson stated that we really need to focus on preserving the county, while moving if forward.

Commissioner Baker really wants education data to be more in depth.

Commissioner Bradshaw stated that more detail was needed on the telecommunication plans. Mr. Reed said that that was one of the issues to debate, attaching addition plans adopted by the County or simply referencing them.

Commissioner Dodson asked questions about the term Plan Growth District being purposed in the Plan.

The Commission requested an email copy of the digitized maps.

The Commission requested information on the percentage of out of county land owners versus resident land owners.

Revision of the zoning ordinance was discussed, such as placement of signs on property to be rezoned/conditional use permits.

**ITEMS TABLED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

None

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission at this time, Commissioner Baker made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Dodson provided the second, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Joel K. Cagle- Secretary  
Planning Commission  
County of Bland